

Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. Further, inquiries should be made in the practice of leaving "Dead" cables in buried conduit and just cutting off the ends of the wires as they emerge to prevent their usage by others. This practice allows them to say that no other circuits are available after an upgrade, when in fact had they not cut off the cable ends, there would be some. (Of course, had they also upgraded the wires in the other pipes there would be many many more. And had they "yanked" the wire out of those pipes there would be that avail for competitors to use, possibly, to run desired wiring.)